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Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: R. Prouty

Serial No.: 09/382,242

Filing Date: August 24, 1999

Inventor(s): Dan E. ROBERTSON et al.

Title: ESTERASES

Papers attached:

1. Request for Continued Examination (1 page);
2. Fee Transmittal (1 page + duplicate);
3. Request for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) (1 page);
4. Amendment (17 pages);
5. Exhibit A, attached to the Amendment (3 pages).

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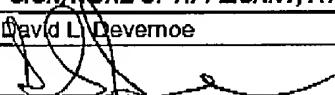
Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal		Application Number 09/382,242
Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		Filing Date August 24, 1999
First Named Inventor Dan E. ROBERTSON		Art Unit 1652
Examiner Name R. Prouty		Attorney Docket No. 564462000801

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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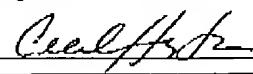
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1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 285	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Release filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)		0.00	

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

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Independent Claims	11	-9 =	2	43.00 = 86.00
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201 96	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204 96	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)		86.00	

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 820*	1804 820*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1264 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	740.00
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to Institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or release)	
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1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
1480 130	1480 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
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1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
2021 40	2021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1609 770	2809 365	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1610 770	2810 365	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1601 770	2801 365	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	365.00
1602 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)			
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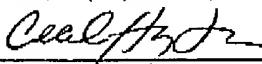
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AMENDMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. SEC. 1.114

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Advisory Action of May 14, 2004, and further responsive to the Final Office Action mailed September 29, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein.

This Response and Amendment is being filed herewith further to a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 based on U.S. Application No. 09/382,242, filed August 22, 1999. A Notice of Appeal was mailed January 29, 2004, and the USPTO received the Notice of Appeal on February 2, 2004, as indicated by stamped return postcard. As the initial period for reply was April 2, 2004, a petition for an extension of time of four (4) months to August 2, 2004, is required. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

This response is accompanied by a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Thus, the finality of the outstanding final office action will be withdrawn and Applicants are entitled to have this first submission for this RCE entered and considered on the merits.

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Application No.: 09/382,242

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Docket No.: 564462000801

Amendment to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter, Fee Transmittal, facsimile cover sheet;
- Petition for an extension of time;
- Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114;
- Exhibit A, Example 9 of the Written Description Guidelines.

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